

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 12-14 and 19-21 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-11 as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A flip-top can opener comprising:

a length of rigid material having an upper surface and a lower surface;

a wedge-shaped head located on the lower surface at a distal end of the length of rigid material, the wedge-shaped head having a first surface, a second surface, and an intersecting edge defined by the first and second surfaces; and

a hook extending from the length of rigid material proximate to the wedge-shaped head, the hook being configured to engage a portion of a rim of a flip-top can such that when the flip-top can opener is pivoted about the portion of the rim, the intersecting edge engages a lid of the can in a manner that substantially removes a portion of the lid of the can disposed between an opening and the rim,

wherein a fluid in the can flows through an enlarged opening of the can.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The flip-top can opener of claim 1, wherein the first and second surfaces intersect at an angle between 65 and 145 degrees to each other, thereby defining the intersecting edge.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The flip-top can opener of claim 1, wherein the first and second surfaces intersect at an angle of about 105 degrees to each other, thereby defining the intersecting edge.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5. (currently amended): The A flip-top can opener of claim 1, comprising:

a length of rigid material;

a wedge-shaped head located at a distal end of the length of rigid material, the wedge-shaped head having a first surface, a second surface, and an intersecting edge defined by the first and second surfaces; and

a hook extending from the length of rigid material proximate to the wedge-shaped head, the hook being configured to engage a portion of a rim of a flip-top can such that when the flip-top can opener is pivoted about the portion of the rim, the intersecting edge engages a lid of the can in a manner that substantially removes a portion of the lid of the can disposed between an opening and the rim, wherein a fluid in the can flows through an enlarged opening of the can, and wherein the wedge-shaped head is not flush against the distal end of the length of rigid material, wherein the length of rigid material between the distal end and the wedge-shaped head is used to lift a portion of a tab of the flip-top can.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The flip-top can opener of claim 1, further comprising:

a tapered end configured to slip under a finger tab on the flip-top can in order to bend the finger tab upwardly thereby opening the flip-top can.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The flip-top can opener of claim 1, further comprising:

a modified end opposite the distal end, the modified end having an extending portion, an insertion portion, and a hook, the extending portion angularly extending away from the length of rigid material, the insertion portion disposed at the a free end of the extending portion, and the hook angularly depending away from the modified end generally in the same direction as the extending portion, wherein the hook engages a portion of the rim of the can such that the can opener pivots about the portion of the rim and the insertion portion creates an opening in the lid of the can, or wherein the hook engages a portion of a cap of a bottle such that the can opener pivots about the portion of the cap in a manner that the modified end removes the cap from the bottle.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): The flip-top can opener of claim 1 5, wherein the rigid material is a plastic.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The flip-top can opener of claim 1 5, wherein the rigid material is a metal.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The flip-top can opener of claim 1 5, wherein the rigid material is a composite.

Claims 12-21 (canceled).